

SENATE RESOLUTION 125

By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Karlescia Perkins of Memphis upon being named a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Karlescia Perkins, an esteemed resident of Memphis, a member of the Girl Scout Council of the Mid-South and a Freshman at Overton High School, has been recognized as one of Tennessee's top student volunteers in the ninth Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Award's nationwide program, which recognizes young people for outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, for her exemplary volunteer service, Karlescia was recognized as a 2004 Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award program, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Perkins won this recognition by soliciting donations that provided 290 new school uniform shirts to 140 disadvantaged children attending local elementary schools; she wrote letters and made telephone calls to solicit donations, visited potential community donors, collected and sorted donated shirts, and then organized an event to distribute the items; and

WHEREAS, Prudential Financial, in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, will present an engraved bronze medallion to Karlescia Perkins for her outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, Karlescica Perkins epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Ms. Perkins who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Karlescica Perkins on being recognized as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award program, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.